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E.O. 11652 N/A

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED RED ARMY TELEPHONE CALL

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS CAIRO TIME (0800 WASHINGTON) EMBASSY CAIRO RECEIVED AN INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL.

2. CALLER ASKED EMBASSY TELEPHONE OPERATOR, AN EGYPTIAN EMPLOYEE, FOR SOMEONE IN THE MARINE OFFICE. THE ASSISTANT RSO WHO WAS IN THE MARINE OFFICE AT THE TIME, ANSWERED THE CALL AND AFTER THE CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A U.S. MARINE CORPS LT. COL. STEVENS (FIRST NAME NOT GIVEN) OF THE MARINE DISTRICT, GARDEN CITY, N.Y., AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FOR A MILITARY VISIT, ARSO DIRECTED THE CALL TO THE DAO OFFICE.

3. THE CALL WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DAO OFFICE AND THE CALLER, WHO AGAIN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS LT. COL. STEVENS, A MARINE CORPS OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION, SPOKE TO CWO JAMES ROGAN AND COL. WILLIAM GRAHAM, ARMY ATTACHE. STEVENS TOLD GRAHAM THAT TOMORROW AT 1400 HOURS LOCAL TIME THREE CIVILIANS, DR. KISSINGER, DR. LEVIN (PHONETIC) OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY, AND MR.

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ISAACS (PHONETIC) OF MIT, AND TWO MARINE OFFICERS, MAJOR GENERAL DRAKE AND LT. COL. O'NIEL, WOULD BE ARRIVING CAIRO VIA AN AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 617. STEVENS THEN REQUESTED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS BE GIVEN "TOP SECURITY AND DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION."

4. GRAHAM ASKED STEVENS IF DRAKE WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND

STEVENS REPLIED HE WAS ON ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC DUTY. WHEN ASKED BY GRAHAM IF A MESSAGE WOULD BE COMING TO THE EMBASSY, STEVENS STATED THAT THIS WAS THE DIPLOMATIC MESSAGE AND WAS SIGNED BY JIMMY CARTER. THE CONVERSATION WAS MILITARY IN CONTEXT; I.E. ROGER MY LAST, I SAY AGAIN, ETC. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. GRAHAM REALIZING THAT STEVENS WAS A CRANK, TOLD STEVENS THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL A MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS. AT THAT TIME STEVENS TOLD GRAHAM THAT "I AM THE RED ARMY. I AM THE RED ARMY."

6. BOTH GRAHAM AND ROGAN STATED THAT THE CALL SEEMED TO BE INTERNATIONAL.

7. RSO CONTACTED THE EMBASSY TELEPHONE OPERATOR ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CALL WAS ENDED. THE EMBASSY OPERATOR AND EGYPTIAN TELEPHONE OPERATOR BOTH ADVISED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE CALLER'S NUMBER IN THE U. S.

8. THE EGYPTIAN OPERATOR WAS ABLE TO CONTACT THE NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR, WHO ADVISED THE RSO THAT THE NUMBER COULD NOT BE TRACED. THE OPERATOR ADVISED THAT ONCE THE CALL IS MADE A BALL IS MADE AND IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO A BILLING OFFICE. SHE CONTINUED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS IS A COMPUTER OPERATION AND DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL CALLS MADE, THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY TO TRACE THE NUMBER. SHE ADDED THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS BILLING OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND WOULD NOT KNOW HOW TO LOCATE NUMBER.

9. AMERICAN AIRLINES DOES NOT SERVICE CAIRO.

10. RSO REQUEST SY CONTACT U. S. MARINE CORPS DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 605 STEWART AVENUE, GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK (RSO WAS ASSIGNED TO THAT LOCATION WHILE IN MILITARY) AND ASCERTAIN IF A LT. COL. STEVENS IS ASSIGNED THERE AND IF SO, DID HE CALL AND ALSO CHECK SWITCHBOARD FOR POSSIBLE CALL. EILTS

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